

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

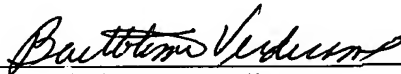
Claims 1-18 have been amended to replace the phrase "characterized in that" with "wherein" to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein and thereby conform to U.S. practice. Claims 3-7 and 9-11 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 1, Claims 14-18 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 11, thereby eliminating any multiple dependencies and more clearly defining the Applicants' invention. The insertion of "hydrogen" in Claim 7 corrects the grammar. In addition, the element numbers have been removed from Claims 1-5 and 7-18 in accordance with U.S. practice. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and requests entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4791-4010. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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